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TITLE OF INVENTION: SONAR BEAMFORMING SYSTEM

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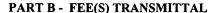
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The MAILING DATE of this communication appear All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RI of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313	(OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this ap or other appropriate communication GHTS. This application is subject t and MPEP 1308.	plication. If not included now will be mailed in due course. THIS			
1. This communication is responsive to to the papers filed on	31 March 2003.				
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-32.	Evaminor				
<ul> <li>3. ☐ The drawings filed on 31 March 2003 are accepted by the</li> <li>4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority und</li> <li>a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:</li> </ul>					
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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet.  9. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the					
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